

HB 1834 -- Extracurricular and Interscholastic Opportunities  
Anti-Discrimination Act

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This bill establishes the Extracurricular and Interscholastic Opportunities Anti-Discrimination Act, which requires that private and public virtual school students and nonpublic students not be discriminated against in their ability to participate in athletics, clubs, or associations. If an organized nonpublic school team is made up of students who are complying with the compulsory attendance law, it must not be discriminated against. Any student on the team who is not in compliance must be disqualified, but that student's disqualification must not be used in determining qualification for other individuals on the team or the team as a whole. Public schools and school districts are prohibited from holding membership in any organization that discriminates against virtual school students, nonpublic students, or teams of these students, as long as the student resides in the same district from which any public school program student is allowed to participate. Organizations that facilitate or organize athletics, clubs, or associations in public schools must not discriminate by requiring enrollment or participation in any class or program other than those voluntarily selected by virtual school or nonpublic students, although the students must meet the same requirements or prerequisites to participate as public school students. No regulation, registration, intrusion, or other inspection of academic work of the students can be required. School-sponsored intramural and interscholastic athletic programs, clubs, and associations are prohibited from discriminating against virtual school students and nonpublic students or any team of students residing in the district on the basis of the student's private or home school enrollment.